GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1716
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ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND .
BALIRAM;GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether encroachments have been made on the railway land by land mafias and have built up industries and jhuggies in connivance with railway officials;

(b) if so, the area of land encroached upon in the country particularly in metropolitan cities;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry to identify the officers involved therein;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken against the guilty officers and to remove the encroachment on railway land ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e): Approximately 2162 Hectares of railway land is under encroachments by various persons in the country, out of which approximately 400 Hectares of railway land in Delhi, 37 hectares in Mumbai, 17 hectares in Kolkata, and 40 hectares in Chennai, are under encroachments. However, connivance of Railway officials in this has not been noticed. Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to remove encroachments from their land as per provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, and as per provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.